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As House Votes To Save, Create 160,000 Teaching Jobs...

(Washington, DC) - With the U.S. House of Representatives poised to vote today on an emergency measure to save the jobs of more than 160,000 teachers as children and parents prepare for the upcoming school year - including over 3,000 teachers in Missouri - Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) blasted Senate Republicans for standing in the way of delivering much-needed help for small businesses.

"I have had dozens of meetings at home in Missouri with small business owners. They need help," Carnahan said. "But Republicans in the Senate are refusing to allow a straight up-or-down vote on this. How dare they put politics ahead of helping these small businesses?"

Senate Republicans have used procedural tactics to block a final vote on legislation that would provide tax breaks and access to credit to help small businesses hire more workers. The bill has been endorsed by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business; a similar version was passed by the House in June.

"Enough with the delays," Carnahan said. "Time to put politics aside and get these small businesses the help they need."

Carnahan spoke from Washington, DC, where he traveled Tuesday in order to vote on legislation that will save or create 290,000 jobs nationwide - including 160,000 teachers and 150,000 police officers, firefighters, nurses and private sector jobs. The measure is paid for in part by closing tax loopholes that encourage corporations to ship American jobs overseas, and

according the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office, would raise more than \$1 billion over 10 years to pay down the deficit.

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